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7. Memorandum from Chief, FE dtd 12 Sept.: No supplementary information on enemy cease fire violations in Laos had been received as of 1200 hours on 11 September.

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8. JCS Southeast Asia Situation Report dated 5 September 1962.

Laos: Presence of 2l Soviet PT-76 amphibious tanks at enemy armor training center near Xieng Khouang was disclosed by aerial reconnaissance on 14 August. An additional probable 13 PT-76 tanks, covered with canvas, were also noted. South Vietnam: Viet Cong attacks, though small and scattered, are probably intended to create a popular impression of the government's inability to cope with the insurgency as well as diverting GVN attention from the enemy's vulnerable locations. Vigorous government operations, which have resulted in the capture of large quantities of supplies and equipment, probably causing serious logistic problems for the Viet Cong. Captured Viet Cong documents have described Viet Cong food shortages in the highland area.